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DATE DISTR. 22 FEBRUARY 1972

COUNTRY CAMBODIA

DOI EARLY-NOVEMBER 1968

SUBJECT SIGHTING OF THREE AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR FROM THE U.S.
25TH DIVISION IN KOMPONG CHAM PROVINCE, CAMBODIA

ACQ VIETNAM, SAIGON (26 JANUARY 1972)

SOURCE

1. IN EARLY NOVEMBER 1968, AT ABOUT 1000 HOURS (EXACT DATE UNKNOWN), THREE AMERICANS AND A 12-MAN GUARD FORCE WERE SEEN RESTING ON A JUNGLE TRAIL NEAR ANDONG TACHOU VILLAGE (APPROXIMATELY XT342-976), MINOT DISTRICT, KOMPONG CHAM PROVINCE, CAMBODIA. THE GUARDS SAID THEIR PRISONERS WERE FROM THE U.S. 25TH DIVISION AND HAD BEEN

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ENCLOSURE

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CAPTURED AFTER A LATE OCTOBER 1968 COMBAT ENGAGEMENT AT THE CAU KHOI RUBBER PLANTATION (APPROX XT328427) IN KHIEM HANH DISTRICT, TAY NINH PROVINCE, SOUTH VIETNAM, BETWEEN THE VIET CONG 56TH REGIMENT AND A CONVOY OF THE U.S. ARMY 25TH DIVISION. ONE GUARD CARRIED A K54 PISTOL, WHILE THE OTHER 11 WERE ARMED WITH AK47 RIFLES.

2. [REDACTED] OBSERVED THE AMERICANS FOR ABOUT 15 MINUTES AT A DISTANCE OF ABOUT TWO METERS. THE PRISONERS WERE SITTING DOWN AND ONE OF THEM WAS SMOKING. ONE PRISONER WAS A NEGRO; THE OTHER TWO WERE CAUCASIANS. THE LEFT HAND OF ONE OF THE CAUCASIANS WAS BANDAGED AND THERE WAS BLOOD ON THE BANDAGE. ALL THREE AMERICANS WERE WEARING GREEN UNIFORMS WITH THEIR SHIRT TAILS OUT; NONE HAD ON SHOES OR HATS. THE WOUNDED AMERICAN HAD A RUDDY COMPLEXION, BROWN HAIR, LONG SIDEBURNS AND BLUE EYES. HE HAD A HUSKY BUILD, WEIGHED ABOUT 90 KILOGRAMS AND STOOD ABOUT 1.80 METERS TALL. THE OTHER CAUCASIAN HAD A FAIR COMPLEXION, HAZEL EYES AND LIGHT BROWN HAIR. HE HAD A HEAVY BUILD, WEIGHED ABOUT 100 KILOGRAMS AND STOOD ABOUT 1.90 METERS TALL. THE NEGRO AMERICAN HAD A MEDIUM BUILD, STOOD ABOUT 1.80 METERS TALL AND WEIGHED ABOUT 80 KILOGRAMS. HE HAD A FULL BEARD.

3. AFTER THE REST PERIOD, THE AMERICANS WERE LED AWAY BY THEIR GUARDS. THE PRISONERS' HANDS WERE BOUND AND THEY HAD DIFFICULTY WALKING BECAUSE THEY WERE BAREFOOT. [REDACTED] DID NOT LEARN WHERE THE PRISONERS WERE BEING TAKEN.

4. (FIELD COMMENT: THE JOINT PERSONNEL RECOVERY CENTER COMMENTS THAT THE INDIVIDUALS DESCRIBED ABOVE MAY WELL BE SERGEANT KENNETH R. GREGORY, SPECIALIST FOUR BOBBY JOHNSON /A NEGRO/, AND SPECIALIST FOUR THOMAS JONES, WHO WERE CAPTURED AT XT328346 ON 25 AUGUST 1968 WHILE DRIVING IN A CONVOY WHICH WAS AMBUSHED.)

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6. FIELD DISSEM: EMBASSY USMACV USAID CORDS 7TH AIR FORCE
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